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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1700

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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SECTO 48

DEPT PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT AND NESSEN

E.), 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIN (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: ACCIDENT ON SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT

1. FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO TRAVELLING PRESS:
QUOTE: AT 9:30 AM THIS MORNING IN CAIRO, SECRET SERVICE
AGENT WALTER BOTHE, OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, RECEIVED
SUPERFICIAL FLESH WOUNDS IN THE HEAD AND ON HIS RIGHT ARM
JUST PRIOR TO THE TAKE-OFF OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
AIRCRAFT FOR DAMASCUS. THIS WAS CAUSED BY A WEAPON WHICH
WAS STORED IN ITS CASE IN THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT, AND
DISCHARGED ACCIDENTALLY WHILE THE AIRCRAFT WAS TAXIING
FOR TAKE-OFF. TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF
SAFETY MECHANISMS OF THIS WEAPON MALFUNCTIONED. MR. BOTHE
IS IN VERY GOOD CONDITION AND IS COMPLETELY AMBULATORY.

2. AT THE TIME SECRETARY WAS CHATTING WITH NEWSMEN IN
AISLE OF AIRCRAFT, BUT WAS IN NO DANGER FROM THE DISCHARGE.
BULLET PIERCED CEILING OF AIRCRAFT. SMALL HOLE REPAIRED
IMMEDIATELY AND
AIRCRAFT TOOK OFF AFTER TWENTY MINUTE
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